

Pushing Limits

A Conference on Employment for African Americans with Disabilities

Monday, October 16, 2006

8:00 PM to 4:30 PM

The Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place

515 Route One South, Iselin, NJ 08830

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Registration Phone : 1-888-285-3036 (Press Option 2)

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- National Minorities with Disabilities Coalition
- New Jersey Black Issues Convention
- New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities
- New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- New Jersey Division of Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities
- New Jersey Division on Civil Rights
- New Jersey Protection and Advocacy
- New Jersey State Conference of NAACP
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)
- SW Unlimited
- The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center on Developmental Disabilities (UMDNJ)

Schedule for the Day

8:00 AM Registration
Continental Breakfast, Exhibits

9:00 AM Welcome
James W. Smith, Jr., Acting Commissioner
NJ Department of Human Services

Master of Ceremonies: Javier Robles,
Deputy Director, Division of Disability Services

9:30 AM. Provider Agency Panel Discussion

Moderator: Robin E. Warren, NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development;
Panel: Donna Brown, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services;
Roni Kantor, NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities,
Valeda Johnson, NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
Maritza Williams, NJ Protection & Advocacy; Representative, NJ Division of Mental Health Services

10:30 AM Break for Networking and Exhibits

10:45 AM Consumer Panel Discussion

Moderator: Jackie Jackson, MSW

Panel

Tim Allen, Pilot Services;
Rosalyn Hickman, Developmental Resources Corp.;
Huntley Forrester, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey;
James Jasey, NJ Minorities with Disabilities Coalition
Gary Mitchell, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

11:45 AM Break for Networking and Exhibits

12:00 PM Lunch & Keynote Speaker

LeDerick R. Horne
Disabilities Rights Advocate,
Motivational Speaker and Entrepreneur

1:30 PM Workshops (see choices 1-4 listed next page)

2:30 PM Break for Networking and Exhibits

3:00 PM Workshops (see choices 5-8 listed next page)

4:30 PM Adjourn

Job Seekers:

Bring Your Resume and Dress for Success!

Employment Fair - 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Workshops

Purpose and Goal

Pushing Limits is a conference for individuals with disabilities and others who have a vested interest in improving the employment outlook for the target audience. The goal of

this effort is to provide useful information on available resources and opportunities that will enable positive outcomes.

1. Transition Workshop - Verna Wallace, Facilitator Carolyn Hayer, Statewide Parents Advocacy Network; Solo Okonkwo, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Robert Haugh, NJ Department of Education; John Walsh, NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
This interactive workshop will provide information on employment and independent living resources that will enable successful transitioning from high school to adulthood.
2. Career Preparation - Jackie Jackson, Facilitator
Javier Robles, NJ Division of Disability Services; Sabrina Nelson, AmeriCorps; Professional Human Resources Specialist
This workshop will address improving opportunities for employment through practical tips on work-readiness, the benefits of volunteering, and enhancing your potential.
3. The Entrepreneurial Approach - Sherlock Washington, Facilitator
Kevin Gilmore, Allies, Inc.; William Morgan, PILOT Services
This workshop will address successful self-employment techniques and strategies that can establish and sustain independent business ventures.
- 4) Transportation - James Jasey, Facilitator
Jon Carnegie, Voorhees Transportation Policy Institute; Steve Fitante, Middlesex Area Transportation; Heather Smith NJ Transit
This workshop will provide information on the current state of New Jersey's public transportation system and the available options for individuals with disabilities.
- 5) Work Incentives - Huntley Forrester, Facilitator
Sarah Vazquez, NJ WorkAbility, Anna McCall, Social Security Administration; Greg Makely, NJ Workforce Incentives Network Support
This workshop will provide information on benefits for working individuals, how these resources can assist you in maintaining and managing employment, and why you should take advantage of these programs.
- 6) Legal Rights - Stephen Smith, Facilitator
Cassandra Martin, Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity UMDNJ; Chris Tester, NJ Division on Civil Rights; Lillie Lowe-Reid, NJ Protection & Advocacy
This workshop will provide information on state and federal employment and anti-discrimination laws that protect your rights and will address: what should and should not occur during a job interview; strategies for emphasizing your abilities; how to request reasonable accommodations; and what to do if you experience difficulties in applying for and receiving services from state vocational rehabilitation agencies.
- 7) Technology in the Workplace - Sherlock Washington, Facilitator
Mike Morotta, Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey; Representative, NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

This workshop will provide information on assistive technology that can enable or enhance an individual with disabilities successful performance of job duties.

- 8) Race, Diversity and Disability - Cynthia Mapp, Facilitator
Leroy Moore, National Minorities with Disabilities Coalition; Robyn Parker,
Beyond Diversity
This workshop will initiate a frank discussion on

Keynote: LeDerick R. Horne

LeDerick R. Horne spent most of his time in school believing he did not have much of a future. A severe learning disability combined with low self-esteem led him to doubt he would be able to go to college or pursue a meaningful career. But, in the challenging academic environment at Middlesex County College, and with the support offered for his disability through Project Connections, a Learning Disabilities Resource Program at the College, LeDerick became an outstanding student, compiling a 3.75 grade point average. He transferred to New Jersey City University and graduated with honors from NJCU in 2003 with a BA in Mathematics. Since graduation LeDerick has become the head of his own property management company called Horne & Associates, LLC. He was appointed the Board Chair of Project Eye-To-Eye, a natural mentoring program for students with Learning Disabilities and is recognized as a national speaker and advocate for people with disabilities. LeDerick has facilitated workshops, delivered keynote presentations, and spoken to thousands of students, teachers, and service providers about his experiences.

Directions to
The Sheraton Hotel at Woodbridge Place
515 Route One South
Iselin, NJ 08830

Directions from the Garden State Parkway traveling North:
Take Exit 131A. Follow around to the second traffic light (Thornall Street) and make a right turn. Pass the Metropark train station and proceed to the first traffic light (Gill Lane), and make another right turn. Stay on Gill Lane for approximately 2 miles to the Sheraton (which is on the right side of Gill Lane), just before you reach the intersection of Route 1.

Directions from the New Jersey Turnpike (North or South):
Take exit 11 and follow signs to Garden State Parkway North to Exit 131A: proceed as above. From New York City: Take either Holland Tunnel or Lincoln Tunnel to New Jersey Turnpike South. Take Exit 11 and follow signs to Garden State Parkway North to Exit 131A: proceed as above.

From the Garden State Parkway, traveling South:
Take exit 130 to Route 1 North. Go straight through the traffic light and take the Gill Lane jug handle in the right lane. Take a left at the intersection of Gill Lane and Route 1 and turn right into the Sheraton's main entrance.

Public Transportation:
NJ Transit (Bus and Rail Services):
(800) 772-2222

Access Link:
(800) 955-2321

Lift-Equipped Bus Service:
(800) 772-2287 [^](#)

See Registration Form below

or

To register by phone, please call **1-888-235-3036**; press option 2 and ask for Cynthia or Sarah.

Registration Form

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(*Space Is Limited - Early Registration Recommended)

Name _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Affiliation:

Individual with Disability ____

Family ____

Professional ____

Employer ____

Agency or Organization: _____

Select two workshops for each session:

1:30 PM (1 - 4): 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

3:00 PM (5 - 8): 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

I require:

ASL ____

CART ____

Braille ____

Large Print ____

Wheelchair Access ____.

Please list other necessary ADA accommodations or special dietary requirements:

Lunch: *No. of Guests: ____

Vegetarian Dish ____

Will you be accompanied by a personal assistant? _____

*Please Note: This is a free event, however, due to limited space pre-registration is required. Priority will be given to individuals with disabilities and their families. Volunteers will be available to provide basic assistance. Keep a copy of this form. We will not send a confirmation.

Return this completed form by September 27, 2006 to:
Medicaid Infrastructure Grant, Division of Disability Services, P.O. Box 700, Trenton,
NJ 08625-0700
Phone: 1-888-285-3036; Fax: 609-292-1233; E-Mail: dhs-afamdc@dhs.state.nj.us

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